

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

CRIMINAL ILLEGAL ALIENS RELEASED

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 6, 2023

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, on January 30th, the Epoch Times revealed a serious threat to American families with the Biden Administration releasing 1,316 criminal illegal aliens in one month according to Zachary Stieber. It is disgusting endangering American families.

"Immigration officials released 521 convicted criminal aliens and 795 with pending criminal charges in December."

"The number of convicted criminal aliens and those with pending charges released rose by 58 percent from the prior month."

"The law explicitly requires that those who cross the border illegally be detained, but the Biden administration clearly doesn't want to detain or deport anyone," according to Ron Kovach, press secretary at the Federation for American Immigration Reform.

"Immigration and Custom Enforcement did not dispute the report but declined to comment."

With masses of illegal alien criminals and hundreds of terrorist watchlist crossings, American families are at a greater risk than ever for mass murderous attacks at home.

In conclusion, God Bless our troops, who successfully protected America for 20 years, as the global war on terrorism continues, moving from the Afghanistan safe haven to America.

HONORING THE 45TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FRANKLIN CENTER FOR GLOBAL POLICY EXCHANGE

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 6, 2023

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an important milestone in the history of The Franklin Center for Global Policy Exchange—the organization turns 45 this year. For those not familiar with the group, the Franklin Center was founded in 1978 and is a nonpartisan, non-profit 501(c)(3) organization committed to enhancing understanding of important international issues.

Along with its partner organization, The Ripon Society, The Franklin Center holds an international policy conference each year in a foreign capital. Called the TransAtlantic Capital to Capital Exchange, the policy conference brings Republican and Democratic lawmakers together with their legislative counterparts overseas to discuss and learn more about the challenges facing America and her allies around the world.

Closer to home, the Franklin Center and Ripon Society also hold a dinner each year at one of our Nation's Presidential Libraries, where they present Members of Congress with the Roosevelt Leadership Award. This award honors those lawmakers who embody the qualities that Theodore Roosevelt spoke of when he said: "The credit belongs to those who are actually in the arena, who strive valiantly . . . who at best know the triumph of high achievement; and who, at worst, if they fail, fail while daring greatly."

Finally, the Franklin Center and Ripon Society hold a bipartisan luncheon at the end of each year to honor the "Unsung Heroes of Capitol Hill"—that is the schedulers and executive assistants who quietly and faithfully work behind the scenes to keep the trains running on time in both the House and the Senate.

In addition to its work with the current generation of world leaders, the Franklin Center seeks to invest in the leaders of future generations by funding a scholarship program at Johns Hopkins University. The scholarship is named after The Honorable Connie Morella, who represented Maryland's 8th Congressional District in the U.S. House of Representatives from 1987 to 2003, and later served as Ambassador to the OECD from 2003 to 2007. A longtime supporter of the Franklin Center, Ambassador Morella currently serves as the Chairwoman Emeritus of the organization.

The Constance A. Morella Scholarship is offered to an undergraduate student at the Zanvyl Krieger School of Arts and Sciences at Johns Hopkins and requires an independent research project that examines some of the most pressing questions in global affairs.

At a time when so many groups and organizations seem to come and go in American politics, the Franklin Center for Global Policy Exchange has been a fixture for 45 years. I congratulate them on this achievement and wish them all the best in the years ahead.

RECOGNIZING MS. CARMEN MARTINEZ, OUTSTANDING CITIZEN IN THE 51ST CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

HON. JUAN VARGAS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 6, 2023

Mr. VARGAS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Ms. Carmen Martinez, outstanding healthcare advocate and community member in the 51st Congressional District.

Ms. Martinez is being honored for her long-time commitment to supporting healthcare and public health access. She was one of seven founding "Mothers" of San Ysidro Health, founded by residents in search of medical services for their children.

Ms. Martinez originally established "el Club de las Madres," and in 1969 opened the "casita," the Centro de Salud de la Comunidad, which was a small house with

only 2 rooms and 4 dedicated volunteers. San Ysidro Health, one of San Diego's largest non-profit community health providers, has grown to having a \$50 million budget, 650 employees and 24 medical, dental, counseling and other services. San Ysidro Health has provided care for more than 110,000 patients and has more than 50 clinic and program sites, serving patients who have no insurance and receive Medi-Cal or Medicare.

For her dedication, Mother Carmen Martinez was awarded with Southwestern College's honorary degree. She has been honored in the community for her strength, wisdom, perseverance, courage and love for its people.

Ms. Martinez is being honored as the 51st District Constituent of the Month in September 2022, during Hispanic Heritage Month, as well as, during the month she turns 99 years of age. She is recognized for her work in paving the way to provide greater access and affordable healthcare services for all constituents, and she also continues to inspire the next generation of supporters of healthcare access.

INTRODUCTION OF THE FEDERAL POLICE CAMERA AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 2023

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 6, 2023

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, today, I, along with Representative DONALD S. BEYER, Jr., introduce the Federal Police Camera and Accountability Act of 2023. This bill would require uniformed federal law enforcement officers to wear body cameras and marked federal law enforcement vehicles to have dashboard cameras. It would also require the Government Accountability Office to conduct a study on federal law enforcement officers' training, vehicle pursuits, use of force and interaction with citizens. In the last two Congresses, we introduced virtually identical bills, which were included in the House-passed George Floyd Justice in Policing Act both Congresses.

After the January 6, 2021, attack on the U.S. Capitol, the urgency of this bill has become even more apparent. The U.S. Capitol Police tried to stop the mob attack, but since Capitol Police officers do not wear body cameras, we have been forced to rely on social media, cameras in and around the Capitol, body cameras worn by Metropolitan Police Department officers and public reporting to learn what happened. The events at Lafayette Square in 2020, where U.S. Park Police and other federal police officers forcibly removed peaceful protestors so the president could hold a photo op, is another recent example of why our bill is needed.

We first introduced this bill after Bijan Ghaisar was fatally shot on November 17, 2017, in his car by uniformed U.S. Park Police officers in Fairfax County, Virginia, after a vehicle pursuit on the George Washington Memorial Parkway. Video of this shooting only

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became available through a camera in a Fairfax County Police Department patrol car that was providing backup. Had it not been for that footage, which was recorded and released by that local police department, the public would not have had access to the circumstances surrounding Mr. Ghaisar's death. Moreover, the footage revealed concerns about the Park Police's pursuit and engagement policies.

Body and dashboard cameras for federal law enforcement officers are particularly important for the officers stationed in the nation's capital, where the Park Police and the uniformed division of the U.S. Secret Service have full local police powers. Many other federal law enforcement agencies also have local police powers near their respective agency buildings in the District of Columbia. Cameras can increase transparency for individual interactions with police, strengthen public trust and even deter future criminal behavior. For example, when individuals know that they are being recorded by a dashboard camera, they may be less likely to flee the scene of a traffic accident because they realize that their license plate will be documented. Individuals may also be less likely to attack an officer because the recording may be used as evidence. On the other hand, officers will also be less likely to commit offenses for the same reason. Body and dashboard cameras can also be used to train current and future officers more effectively in best and worst practices.

An increasing number of local police departments, including the Metropolitan Police Department in the District, are using body and dashboard cameras. It is clear that both law enforcement and the public would benefit from federal police departments following suit to increase transparency and maintain public trust.

Last year, President Biden issued an executive order (E.O.) requiring federal law enforcement agencies use body cameras, adopt and publicly post body camera policies and expedite release of video footage to the public following incidents involving serious bodily injury or deaths while an individual is in custody. This is a positive first step. Our bill is necessary, however, because the E.O. is more limited in scope than the bill, including that the E.O. does not require dashboard cameras and the U.S. Capitol Police and Supreme Court Police are not required to use any cameras. Additionally, the executive order can be undone by a future president, whereas this bill would enshrine these rules into law, requiring a future Congress and president acting together through subsequent legislation to overturn them.

I urge my colleagues to support this legislation.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SUSAN WILD

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 6, 2023

Ms. WILD. Mr. Speaker, I would like to clarify and qualify my vote in support of H.R. 139, SHOW UP Act of 2023.

I reluctantly supported this bill due to the substantial outreach I have received from my constituents regarding the impact of pandemic measures on certain vital government services, particularly the Social Security Adminis-

tration and the Internal Revenue Service. At the same time, I am concerned that, in its current form, H.R. 139, SHOW UP Act of 2023, would cause inadvertent harm to the federal service and the federal workforce.

Had it been made in order, I would have supported a bipartisan amendment to this legislation by my friend and colleague Rep. BRIAN FITZPATRICK (PA-01) to strike Section 2 of the bill. I am deeply concerned with the fact that the bill, as currently written, would override existing agreements that have been collectively bargained in dozens of federal agencies.

It is unacceptable for Congress to set the precedent of circumventing labor negotiations and overriding collective bargaining agreements. I want to be clear: While it is imperative for my constituents to receive urgently needed services in the most effective manner possible, it is equally imperative to protect the hard-won agreements workers have earned through the collective bargaining process.

Over the coming weeks and months, I will continue advocating for a more democratic legislative process in the House of Representatives that allows members of this body to improve deeply flawed legislation such as H.R. 139. I am and will always remain an unwavering voice in support of workers' right to organize and collectively bargain—whether in the public or private sector—and in support of the labor movement.

APPRECIATING COLLEEN HOUSE

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 6, 2023

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, on December 29, 2022, the Detroit News published the following inspiring obituary for Colleen House, an appreciated political trailblazer for the Michigan Republican Party.

Colleen Mary House, whose unexpected foray into Michigan politics nearly 50 years ago blazed a trail for women lawmakers, died Christmas Eve after a two-year battle with dementia, her family announced Wednesday. She was 70.

House died at her Foggy Bottom home in Washington, D.C., with her husband, John Gizzi, the senior White House correspondent for Newsmax, at her side.

"Colleen left my life as she entered it—with a warm smile, dancing eyes, and unconditional love," Gizzi wrote in a tribute sent to The Detroit News.

At age 22, she became the youngest woman to serve in Michigan Legislature. But she almost followed a different path.

After graduating from Michigan State University with a degree in political science in 1973, House wanted to follow in her older sister's footsteps as a flight attendant with Pan Am, according to Gizzi. But the airline cut back on international flights amid the energy crisis, prompting House to volunteer on a Republican campaign for Congress in a special election in her hometown of Bay City.

Democratic State Rep. Bob Traxler won the election to fill the seat vacated by the Republican James Harvey, who had been appointed a federal judge.

House then won Traxler's seat with help from future Michigan Gov. John Engler, who at the time was a state representative, The News reported.

It was considered an upset victory in then-Democratic Bay County.

House was also the first Republican to hold the seat in more than 20 years, according to her obituary.

The rising political star was scheduled to be featured on a national Republican telethon hosted by then-Republican National Chairman George H.W. Bush. However, the event was canceled at the last minute after President Nixon resigned from office in the aftermath of the Watergate scandal.

In 1974, House was re-elected, and the following April she wed Engler.

They were the only husband-wife team in the Legislature, according to The News' archives. The couple divorced in 1988.

After House lost re-election in 1976, she moved to Ingham County. From 1977-78 she served as director of public affairs for the Michigan Chamber of Commerce.

Her connection to Bush led to a role helping to run his presidential campaign in the Michigan primary where Bush defeated frontrunner Ronald Reagan. His Michigan victory helped keep him in the political conversation, eventually leading to Reagan tapping him as his vice president.

House would eventually go on to work in the 41st U.S. president's administrations as director of intergovernmental affairs at the U.S. Department of Commerce.

Before moving to Washington, House had also returned to the state legislature, representing Isabella and Mecosta Counties in 1982 and was reelected in 1984, according to the Library of Michigan.

In 1986, she was the first woman to run for governor of Michigan but lost the primary.

At the time, The News reported, Public Sector Consultants, a Lansing thinktank, called her "one of the most dynamic speakers among the Republican candidates, and she projects a very firm grasp of the state issues (but) has been unable to raise the money to publicize her positions."

She ran with GOP nominee Bill Lucas as a candidate for lieutenant governor, but their ticket was defeated by incumbent Gov. Jim Blanchard.

After her stint in the Bush administration, House spent nearly a quarter-century working with the International Republican Institute, which she joined in 1993.

House long was active at St. Matthews Cathedral in Washington, D.C., where she was a lector at Masses, trained other parishioners to read portions of the Mass and served as a pontifical lector, relatives said.

Besides her husband, other survivors include a sister, Anne House Quinn; three nieces, Bridget House, Kathleen Quinn and Elizabeth Quinn; three nephews, George H. McElory, Dr. Jude McElory and James Quinn; and brothers-in-law T. Anthony Quinn, Charles J. Rhodes and Michael Kusisto.

A funeral is scheduled to be held Feb. 18 at St. Matthews Cathedral.

Memorials can be made to St. Matthew's Cathedral, the Fraternal Order of St. Peter or the American Hospice Association.

CELEBRATING BLACK HISTORY MONTH

HON. FRANK J. MRVAN

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 6, 2023

Mr. MRVAN. Mr. Speaker, it is with great respect and sincere admiration that I rise today to celebrate Black History Month and its 2023 theme—Black Resistance. This year's theme reflects on the importance and significance of opposition to ongoing systematic injustice and

oppressive rhetoric against the African American Community throughout the past and at the present time.

Part of the African American fight for freedom includes the struggle to create space for African American people to thrive and succeed. Throughout history in the United States, African Americans have resisted unjust persecution through brave and courageous acts including protests, sit-ins, boycotts, marches, and political rallies, to name a few. Their efforts have been successful, inspiring, and have created significant change in the values and belief systems of America. The struggle is ongoing, and there is much more to be done. It is the responsibility of every American to create an environment that supports equality and freedom for all.

This month and always, it is important that we honor America's greatest advocates for equal rights. Throughout history in Northwest Indiana, which I proudly represent, there have been many who have taken up this fight. One such individual is the Honorable Calvin D. Hawkins, Lake County Superior Court Judge, who continues a legacy of civil service to the community of Northwest Indiana. Judge Hawkins has been a civil rights activist his entire life. While still in his teens, he participated in the historic March on Washington in 1963 before embarking on his distinguished legal career. Judge Hawkins was appointed to the bench in 2007 by then Governor Mitch Daniels, and he has faithfully served with purpose, integrity, and respect. Outside of the courts, he has championed numerous causes that support equality and civil liberties for African Americans, and he has also proven himself to be a tireless advocate for the youth in his community. In 2008, Judge Hawkins launched a stay-in-school initiative, and his efforts have had a major positive impact on the lives of students throughout the area. In addition, he has served as the president of the board of directors for Indiana Legal Services, an organization that provides free legal assistance to those in need. For his noteworthy leadership and unwavering dedication to improving the quality of life for all people, Judge Hawkins is worthy of the highest praise.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my distinguished colleagues join me in celebrating Black History Month and honoring those who fought, and continue to fight, for civil rights and justice. As we pay tribute, let us remember their profound perseverance and sacrifice in the struggle to build a better Nation, more equal and free.

RECOGNIZING BOB AND TERRY
WITMER

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 6, 2023

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Bob and Terry Witmer for receiving the honor of the Dr. Bettye Myers Humanitarian Award. Terry has spent her life in North Texas. She grew up in Denton and has a nursing career that expands 20 years. In 2014, Terry oversaw the housing component of the Denton County Behavioral Health Leadership Team. Two years later, Terry became the charter appointee for the Denton County

Homelessness Leadership Team. She has been a long-time advocate for the homeless community in North Texas and has made a profound impact on improving the livelihoods of those citizens that have been affected. Both she and her husband, Bob, have been active members of the Denton Community for decades and they helped form vital nonprofits in Denton County such as The Daily Bread, which serves food to individuals in need. They have served on numerous boards of nonprofits. Bob is a board-certified tax attorney and currently serves as a professor at the University of North Texas. In 2016, he started the North Texas Low Income Taxpayer Clinic. This clinic allowed local graduate students to assist lower-income members of the community with specialized and qualified tax assistance. This provided a wonderful opportunity to members of the community and helped graduate students gain experience before applying to bigger employers. Bob has not only been a valuable part of educating the younger generation in North Texas, but he has been involved in Veterans Affairs. Terry referred Veteran clients to Bob's clinic from the Veteran Community Navigator pilot program. When Bob learned from Terry that clients of the VCN program were working in crowded, unsuitable offices, he contacted Veterans Affairs and mobilized a community effort with donations and volunteers to renovate the office into what is now known as the Denton County Veteran Center. This center provides critical and quality care to all Veterans who are in need. These actions are remarkable, yet Bob did not stop there. He went on to mobilize the community to help the United Way of Denton County create the Veterans Mental Health Annex, which expands access to mental health services for veterans. These incredible actions have not gone unnoticed. In November of 2022, they were recognized by the Board Members of the United Way of Denton for their efforts and impact on helping those affected by homelessness and mental health in their community, especially veterans. The Witmer's have invested their time and talent into serving their community. I am honored to recognize Bob and Terry's achievements today and I am humbled to share a home in North Texas with this couple of such high character. Bob and Terry's family, their community, their state, and their nation are made better by their selfless contributions and dedication to others. I thank Bob and Terry Witmer, for their excellent work, and also thank the United Way of Denton County Board of Directors for recognizing them for the Dr. Bettye Myers Humanitarian Award of 2023.

RECOGNIZING MR. GERMINIANO
AND ANGELES TUBAO, OUT-
STANDING CITIZENS AND BUSI-
NESS OWNERS IN THE 51ST CON-
GRESSIONAL DISTRICT

HON. JUAN VARGAS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 6, 2023

Mr. VARGAS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Germiniano "Gerry" Fuentes Tubao and Angeles "Angie" Marijana Tubao, outstanding citizens and business owners in the 51st Congressional District.

Mr. And Mrs. Tubao immigrated in the 1950s from the Philippines to the United States, where they met and eventually married in Worcester, Massachusetts. Mr. Tubao served in the U.S. Navy for more than 20 years as a sailor and Angie worked as a nurse at National City's Paradise Valley Hospital. They have worked in the real estate market in the 51st District for more than 60 years, establishing a legacy of property ownership, management, and development throughout the region.

Mr. Gerry Tubao is the principal founder and developer of Market on 8th, located in National City and established as South County's first ethnic-themed food hall and beer garden. Market on 8th pays tribute to National City's radiant history with its collection of original murals, artwork, and vintage photos.

Mr. Tubao is retiring from managing his family-owned company, Pacific Point Properties, and will continue to serve as a consultant. He and his wife Mrs. Angie Tubao leave a legacy of commitment and generosity to the residents of National City and the larger San Diego community.

Mr. and Mrs. Tubao have written a memoir of their history in a book called "A Land of Opportunity," which tells their story and perspective on faith, resilience, and prosperity. Their sons Joel Jon and Gene Joseph will succeed Mr. Tubao in shared leadership roles, continuing the business and serving the community in various volunteer roles.

CONGRATULATING THE BRANDON
HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL
TEAM ON WINNING THE 2022
MHSAA 6A VOLLEYBALL CHAM-
PIONSHIP

HON. MICHAEL GUEST

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 6, 2023

Mr. GUEST. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Brandon High School volleyball team and Coach Kelsa Walker on their remarkable achievement of winning the 2022 MHSAA 6A Volleyball Championship. This victory is a testament to their hard work, dedication, and commitment to the sport of volleyball.

Throughout the season, the team displayed an unwavering determination to succeed and a desire to push themselves to new heights. Their teamwork and camaraderie on the court was a true demonstration of what can be achieved when individuals come together and strive for a common goal.

I would also like to extend my heartfelt congratulations to Coach Kelsa Walker and her staff who played a critical role in the team's success. Their guidance, support, and leadership have been instrumental in helping the team reach their full potential and in inspiring the players to strive for excellence.

This state championship is a source of pride for the entire Brandon community and serves as a reminder of the importance of hard work, dedication, and teamwork. The young athletes on the Brandon High School volleyball team have set an excellent example for others to follow, and we look forward to seeing all that they will accomplish in the future.

In recognition of their achievement, I again congratulate the Brandon High School

volleyball team on its state championship win. To be recognized are Coach Kelsa Walker, Assistant Coach Laine Marler, Captain Sunni Sheppard, Reagan Jordan, Emma Levingston, Cambell Herrington, Mia Williams, Katie Thornton, Layla Mccollum, Emily Davis, Ella Owens, Hannah Jo Sullivan, Brooke Bankston, Reagan Enis, Aubrey Dale, Kallie Johnson, Sophie Warren, Anna Claire Berry, Zende Wyatt, Fisher Enis, Avery Power, Taylor Shane Parker, Ragen Lamm, Ivy Bankston, and Kadence Anding.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DOUG LaMALFA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 6, 2023

Mr. LaMALFA. Mr. Speaker, travel detainment caused missed vote. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 94.

ROB MALLEY MUST RESIGN

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 6, 2023

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker it is outrageous for President Biden to waive sanctions on nonproliferation activities involving Iran, particularly in light of Iran's continued noncompliance with its Comprehensive Safeguards Agreement. Iran is racing towards a nuclear weapon while developing intercontinental ballistic missile technology and a wholesale crackdown on its own people, yet President Biden's Special Envoy for Iran, Rob Malley, will not stop in his absurd efforts to re-enter a failed nuclear agreement with the country. Iran has already threatened to vaporize Israel and deliver a nuclear attack on America.

Malley even told the BBC last week that President Biden "never said that the possibility of an understanding with Iran was dead. In fact, we have said the exact opposite time and time again."

It is obvious that the administration is showing weakness in confronting Iran which will put our ally Israel, and others in the region, in grave danger.

America will always stand with Israel. Rob Malley must resign immediately, and President Biden must end these concessions to Iran and return to a smart policy on Iran of maximum pressure on the regime while supporting the democratic aspirations of the people.

Mr. Malley's record both in government and outside of it is concerning. As former President of the NGO, International Crisis Group (ICG), Malley strongly advocated against President Trump's maximum pressure policies and for a weak foreign policy on Iran. Even worse, as StopAntisemitism.org reported this week, some of those previously associated with ICG have gone on to teach college courses calling Israel an apartheid state and refusing to acknowledge Israel's right to exist. This is sadly a threat to Israel and American families.

My concerns are still true for on the record comments I made warning Mr. Malley almost

two years ago, on February 16, 2021, in an op-ed entitled "Failed Obama-era Policy Must Not Be Repeated" for InsideSources.com:

I am deeply concerned that we are returning to the failed policies of the Obama administration as President Biden establishes a team comprised of the same people whose work led to these problems in the first place: Robert Malley, Brett McGurk, and Colin Kahl. Robert Malley, Biden's choice for Special Envoy to Iran, has a history of troubling comments and policies regarding the Iranian Regime.

It was Malley who spearheaded Obama's failed policy of working with Iran in the region, including the failed Iran Nuclear Deal, turning a blind eye to Assad's atrocities, and working with Iranian militias in Iraq to fight ISIS. Malley's approach is backward as he believes in alienating our allies in the region Israel, Saudi Arabia, UAE, Qatar, Jordan, and Turkey, while strengthening our adversaries, Iran, the Assad regime, Hezbollah, and Houthi terrorists.

Malley argues his approach to Iran is rooted in diplomacy and preventing conflict, but his deal with Iran escalated regional tensions and increased resources available to terrorists.

May God provide his blessings for a free Iran. God bless our troops. God bless the United States of America.

HONORING THE LIFE OF DORA MARIE KNELL

HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 6, 2023

Mr. HUFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in memory of Dora Marie Knell, who passed away at the age of 98 on December 19, 2022. Dora was a political activist in her community and a champion of women's rights.

Born in Sonoma County in 1924, Dora grew up in Guerneville, CA and attended Santa Rosa Junior College where she was the first woman elected student body president. She later earned her bachelor's degree in English and Journalism from UC Berkeley. Dora became a successful small business owner in Marin County, founding her own printing business, Copy Desk, in San Rafael and starting a publishing company, ETRI. In 1989, she sold her businesses and purchased several commercial properties, managing them herself.

A dedicated political activist and feminist, Dora was committed to increasing women's participation in the political process. She was a founding member of the National Woman's Political Caucus, an Emeritus Member of the Marin Woman's Political Action Committee and elected to serve two terms on the Marin Democratic Central Committee. In addition, she also served on the Marin County Grand Jury and the Marin County Housing-Family and Child Advisory Committee. Known for her vocal activism, Dora is remembered for speaking her mind and fighting for a healthy democracy.

Along with her hard work ethic and commitment to making a positive difference for others, Dora was known for her quick-witted humor, fierce determination, and generous spirit. While she will be greatly missed, her legacy will live on through the positive impact she has had on her community and beyond.

Dora is survived by her children Gregory, Catalaine, Theodora, Valerie, Vivian, Geoffrey, Derek, and her 21 grandchildren and great-grandchildren, many of whom have carried on her passion for politics and public service.

Mr. Speaker, I respectfully ask that you join me in extending condolences to Dora's family and many friends and in expressing my deep appreciation for her decades of public service in her community.

RECOGNIZING MS. DIANA AMADOR, OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEER IN THE 51ST CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

HON. JUAN VARGAS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 6, 2023

Mr. VARGAS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Ms. Diana Amador, outstanding women's health advocate and community volunteer in the 51st Congressional District.

Ms. Amador is being honored for her efforts to provide greater access, bring equity to, and educate the community about women's reproductive health. She is also being recognized for many other volunteer efforts on other important issues.

As a volunteer of Planned Parenthood of the Pacific Southwest, Ms. Amador provides reproductive and sexual health education to destigmatize and encourage conversation, particularly in underserved neighborhoods where these resources are not a priority or non-existent. She has also helped Planned Parenthood with several projects, including 2022 Pride Parade and the "Bans off Our Bodies" rally in May 2022.

Ms. Amador has also led a Black/Latinx AIDS project where she provided sexual education to underserved high school students, along with information on navigating higher education. She has also worked with other communities in Southern California and Mexico to bring health fairs, offer preventative care, help address food insecurity, and provide STEM education and hands-on demonstrations.

Ms. Amador is being recognized as the 51st District Constituent of the Month in August 2022, during the Day of Action for Women's Health Equity, for her selfless commitment and her positive impact to others. She is a long-time resident of National City, and holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology with a minor in Evolutionary Medicine from the University of California, Los Angeles.

HONORING THE RIPON SOCIETY

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 6, 2023

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an important milestone in the history of The Ripon Society—the organization turned 60 this past year.

For those not familiar with the group, The Ripon Society is a public policy organization that was founded in 1962 and takes its name from the town where the Republican Party was born in 1854—Ripon, Wisconsin.

One of the main goals of The Ripon Society is to promote the ideas and principles that have made America great and contributed to the GOP's success. These ideas include keeping our Nation secure, keeping taxes low, and having a federal government that is smaller, smarter, and more accountable to the people.

For 60 years now, The Ripon Society has been promoting common sense policies and principles. Today, The Ripon Society tries to promote these policies and principles in several ways. Six times a year, for instance, the Society publishes a journal called The Ripon Forum, which has been called "reform-minded" by the Washington Post and is the longest running Republican journal of thought and opinion in the country.

The Ripon Society also holds a regular series of events geared around the issues of the day and the challenges facing our nation. These events include its Symposium on Leadership for senior Congressional staff members, that has been held at George Washington's historic estate at Mount Vernon since 2011.

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year to honor the "Unsung Heroes of Capitol Hill"—that is the schedulers and executive assistants who quietly and faithfully work behind the scenes to keep the trains running on time in both the House and the Senate.

Finally, The Ripon Society and Franklin Center also hold an international policy conference each year in a foreign capital. Called the TransAtlantic Capital to Capital Exchange, the policy conference brings Republican and Democratic lawmakers together with their legislative counterparts overseas to discuss and learn more about the challenges facing America and her allies around the world.

At a time when so many groups and organizations seem to come and go in American politics, The Ripon Society has been a fixture for 60 years. I congratulate them on this achievement and wish them all the best in the years ahead.

RECOGNIZING RICHARD FIERRO

HON. JASON CROW

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CROW. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Richard Fierro, a survivor of the Club Q shooting in Colorado Springs, CO, who chose to risk his life to save others, in the face of unspeakable violence.

On the evening of November 19, 2022, Richard and his family were enjoying a drag show at Club Q—a nightclub that has long been a safe space for members of the LGBTQ+ community. In the blink of an eye, an enjoyable night turned deadly.

After spending 15 years as an officer in the U.S. Army, with combat deployments to both Iraq and Afghanistan, Richard's actions were instinctual. Except this wasn't a warzone—this was a night out with his family at a bar in his own backyard. As gunfire rang out around him, people screamed, and glass shattered, Richard's Army training kicked in. He ran toward the shooter—tackling and subduing him.

Not only did he subdue the gunman, but he also took charge and gave orders to those around him—attempting to establish some semblance of order amid the chaos. He placed tourniquets on his friends and reassured them they would be okay while he yelled to police that the shooter was down. There is no doubt in my mind that Richard's heroic actions saved countless lives.

Here in Colorado, we are all too familiar with gun violence and the devastating impact it continues to have on our communities. We should not still be in mourning when the next mass shooting occurs. We should not have to live in fear every time we step outside our homes. Yet time and time again, we are forced to rely on the bravery of unsuspecting patrons in clubs, restaurants, grocery stores, and dance studios to disarm shooters in this country.

We continue to mourn the lives lost at Club Q: Daniel Aston, Kelly Loving, Ashley Paugh, Derrick Rump, and Raymond Green Vance—the boyfriend of Richard's daughter. Any loss of life like this is senseless and heartbreaking, but in the face of tragedy and unspeakable darkness, there are always heroes who rise up and answer the call to service. It is an honor to recognize Richard's heroic actions at Club Q.